

Survey of Establishments that Export to Canada

FSIS conducted a survey of the Agency's inspectors at all federally inspected establishments that export products to Canada. The survey sought to identify products that are currently being shipped to Canada under FSIS' voluntary reimbursable inspection services. These products are not under FSIS jurisdiction, and are not under mandatory inspection. Rather, establishments are voluntarily paying for FSIS inspection of these products. The results of this survey will help guide FSIS' policies regarding its voluntary inspection program.

The survey was sent to FSIS inspection personnel on March 20, 2015, using the survey tool in FSIS's Public Health Inspection System (PHIS). Inspection personnel were given 15 days to fill out and submit the survey via PHIS. The Office of Policy and Program Development, Policy Analysis Staff (OPPD/PAS), analyzed the results of the survey. The table below is a summary of the survey results.

The table lists the number of establishments that manufacture products that are produced for export to Canada under FSIS' voluntary inspection program. For the purposes of this analysis, OPPD/PAS assumed that the actual number of respondents represented the minimum number of exporters. Because not all IPP responded to the survey, OPPD/PAS imputed the non-responses in order to estimate the maximum range. Further, based on the survey questions, OPPD/PAS was able to estimate the number of establishments that have developed and implemented Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Sanitation Standard and Operating Procedures (SSOP) plans for products not under FSIS jurisdiction that are produced under voluntary inspection.

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Summary of Survey of Canada Exporters	Number of Establishments Exporting To Canada		Percent with SSOP and HACCP Plans	
	Minimum	Maximum	HACCP Plans	SSOP's
Bakery Items with meat dispersed within dough with less than 2% cooked meat (e.g. "Breakfast Muffin with Bacon Bits," "Ham Bread," "Bread with Pancetta")	1	2	100%	100%
Bakery Items with meat or poultry enclosed within dough (e.g. "Bagel Dog," "Pepperoni Roll")	17	40	94%	94%
Closed face Sandwiches - a meat or poultry filling between two slices of bread, a bun or biscuit (e.g. "Ham Sandwich," "Italian Sub with Roast Beef and Provolone," "Chicken Salad Sandwich")	11	25	82%	91%
Dairy Products with meat, (e.g., "Processed Cheddar Cheese Ball with Bacon" or "Cheese Dip with Pepperoni," "Cheese and Pepperoni Spread")	5	12	60%	60%
Egg Products exempted by FSIS (e.g., freeze dried products, French toast, cake mixes, dried no bake custard mixes)	1	2	100%	100%
Flavoring / Seasonings (e.g., "Chicken Flavor made with chicken fat or chicken broth only," "Ham Type Flavor")	8	21	100%	100%
Gravies / Sauces with less than 2% cooked meat – (e.g., "Red Eye Ham Gravy," "Beef Gravy Prep" "Country Gravy")	2	7	0%	0%
Instant Soup prepared with meat - a mixture of dried noodle and dried meat or poultry product with seasoning to which hot water is added (e.g. "Cup of Beef Soup,")	3	7	67%	100%
Meat / Poultry Bases – a dehydrated, powdered, or semi-solid mixture of finely chopped meat or poultry with high levels of salt and other ingredients; generally not a retail product (e.g., "Beef Base," "B-152 – Pork Stock," "Flavored Blends for Turkey")	14	37	86%	79%
Potato Salad – diced potatoes, usually with celery, peppers, and onion with dressing and bacon (e.g., German Potato Salad)	1	3	0%	0%
Poultry Broths – the liquid resulting from the simmering of meat or bones in water with seasonings (e.g., "Chicken Broth," "Chicken Stock")	10	26	80%	70%
Salad Dressings – ("Vinaigrette with Bacon," "Bacon Ranch Dressing")	1	3	100%	100%
Soup with less than 2% cooked meat	2	5	50%	50%
Species under voluntary inspection (e.g., buffalo, venison, elk, rabbit, game birds, migratory water fowl, pigeons)	3	8	100%	100%